

12.20.2021 Veterans Home Weekly Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

COVID -19 Update:

We are delighted to share with you that the Veterans Home has not confirmed any COVID-19 cases since our last update. In addition, one team member has recently recovered, so we only have one team member who is currently diagnosed with COVID-19 at this time. However, within the last 72 hours, 3 people have exhibited new-onset respiratory symptoms.

Current & Cumulative COVID-19 Cases:

Current Active COVID-19 Confirmed Positive:	1 (one employee)
Current Active COVID-19 Suspected Positive:	0
Cumulative COVID-19 Confirmed Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	83 (twenty-five members, fifty-five employees, three contracted individuals)
Cumulative COVID-19 Suspected Positive (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	2 (one member, one employee)
Total Recovered (since the Pandemic began in March 2020):	80 (twenty-two members, fifty-five employees, three contracted individuals)

Safe Holiday Visitation Practices:

We want everyone to be safe this holiday season. Please continue to follow all protocols during your visits at the Veterans Home, including:

- Wearing masks at all times
- Social distancing
- Visiting in the member room only
- Educate yourself on the risks associated with visiting during a COVID-19 outbreak (info available at front desk)

LifeLoop Invitations:

Lifeloop invitations went out this afternoon. If you didn't get one or if you have questions, please ask Jane Lindblad, Katie Plendl, or Ashley Coopman and we can assist you! Throughout the next days-weeks, we will continue to use Lifeloop more for communications, including texts and emails, sharing newsletters, pictures, etc. Soon, communications will come through Lifeloop for any COVID-19 or community updates. If you don't choose to create a Lifeloop profile, you can still get the communications via email and/or text.

Again, let us know if you have questions!

COVID-19 Plan:

Our comprehensive COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Plan is in place to help our team prioritize the health and safety of everyone who lives in and works at the Veterans Home. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members be vaccinated against COVID-19 while encouraging members and families to get the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Screening and monitoring members, team members, and visitors for symptoms;
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly;
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected;
- Testing members and team members based on federal and state guidance;
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control measures;
- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures;
- Taking environmental safety precautions, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visit;
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities with social distancing; and
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons.

Please contact me at any time if you need assistance in getting vaccinated, finding a booster shot, or have questions.

Thank you for granting us the privilege of serving you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Megan M. Corcoran', written in a cursive style.

Megan M. Corcoran, NHA | Administrator
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